

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, April 29, 2014

MINUTE NO. 23
2:58 p.m. – Māṁawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Don Toth in the Chair and Members Buckley Belanger*, Fred Bradshaw, Larry Doke, Bill Hutchinson, Victoria Jurgens, Warren McCall*, Scott Moe*, John Nilson*, Cathy Sproule* and Trent Wotherspoon.

Substituting Members

Buckley Belanger for Trent Wotherspoon (8:05 p.m. – 8:37 p.m.)
Warren McCall for Trent Wotherspoon (7:00 p.m. – 8:01 p.m. only)
Scott Moe for Jennifer Campeau
John Nilson for Trent Wotherspoon (4:03 p.m. – 4:38 p.m. only)
Cathy Sproule for Trent Wotherspoon (2:58 p.m. – 4:01 p.m. only)

2. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

The following Agriculture Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister
Alanna Koch, Deputy Minister
Karen Aulie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs
Rick Burton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy
Ray Arscott, Executive Director, Corporate Services Branch
Scott Brown, Executive Director, Policy Branch
Wally Hoehn, Executive Director, Lands Branch
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
Shawn Jaques, President and Chief Executive Officer
Jeff Morrow, Vice-President, Operations

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.
4. The committee recessed from 4:01 p.m. until 4:03 p.m.
5. The committee considered Bill No. 136 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2014.

The following Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Tim McMillan, Minister Responsible for Energy and Resources
Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister
Ed Dancsok, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas Division
Laurie Pushor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Performance and Strategic Initiatives

6. The following document was tabled:

ECO 10/27 – Ministry of the Economy: Table 3 – Levy Classes and Base Fees.

7. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 19, they were agreed to.

8. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the committee report Bill No. 136 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2014 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee recessed from 4:38 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

10. The committee considered the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

The following Innovation Saskatchewan Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister
Jerome Konecsni, Chief Executive Officer
David Grier, Chief Strategist
David Katz, Chief Science and Policy Officer

11. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

12. The committee recessed from 8:01 p.m. until 8:05 p.m.

13. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

The following Highways and Infrastructure Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister
Nithi Govindasamy, Deputy Minister
Jennifer Ehrmantraut, Associate Deputy Minister, Operations Division
Ron Gerbrandt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Design and Innovation Division
Blair Wagar, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Policy Division
Wayne Gienow, Executive Director, Corporate Services Division
Doug Hansen, Executive Director, Operations Division, Northern Region
Gary Diebel, Director, Financial Services Branch

14. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

15. The committee recessed from 8:37 p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

16. The committee considered the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

The following SaskBuilds Corporation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister

Rupen Pandya, President and Chief Executive Officer

Teresa Florizone, Chief Financial Officer

Kyle Toffan, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Infrastructure

17. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

18. The committee adjourned at 10:42 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Don Toth
Committee Chair